



Opening Doors, Changing Lives

DIVISION OF MENTAL RETARDATION SERVICES

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Voter Outreach Fair



Come join the Davidson County Election Commission (DCEC) and be a part of their Voter Outreach Fair! The DCEC will be sponsoring a Voter Outreach Fair on Saturday, September 7, 2002 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Centennial Park's Event Shelter in Nashville, Tennessee.

Goals for this collaborative event are to:

- Register people to vote
- Make updates to existing voter registration records such as changes of address and/or name changes
- Educate the public about the voting process.

There will be a voting machine available for the public to receive hands-on instruction of its use during voting.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Invite your consumers
- Staff a booth
- Present your programs and services through documentation or demonstrations

DCEC will provide you with a booth, chairs, and space. Please let them know if you need a special space allotment. As organizers of the fair, their staff will be on-hand to assist you with any on site concerns.

Please RSVP by August 30, 2002. Or, call for further details.

All organizations that participate in the Voter Outreach Fair will be helping them gear up for the November 5, 2002 Election which includes the election of a new governor, a new U.S. Senator, and the lottery issue.

So, come on out and be a part of the Voter Outreach Fair. Help make a connection between the voter registration office and the voters. With your assistance, the first Voter Outreach Fair will be the bridge that brings us all to a mutual goal in this important election year!

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Training Calendar Available on Internet

Whether you are a stakeholder, provider, family member, guardian, advocate or an interested individual, the training calendar on our web page, www.state.tn.us/mental/mrs/index.html, will be of interest to you.

The calendar is divided by East, West and Middle

Tennessee regions and is updated at the first of each quarter. The approximately 100 training sessions offered each quarter are listed, along with the instructor, targeted participants and location. Registration information is also included.

Quote of the Day

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams".

- Eleanor Roosevelt



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Building Residential Supports Around People

Objectives for The Forum

Learn the process for designing residential supports around a person.

Become familiar with various models of residential support provided in TN under DMRS funding and DMHDD licensure that are rarely used.

Learn the benefits and challenges of various models of residential supports; perspectives from individuals supported, families and providers having experience in these alternatives to traditional

residential services will be shared.

Provide answers to questions on practicalities of these models with respect to TN DMRS various residential services definitions and requirements for these waiver and state funded supports

- No registration required
- No cost for participating
- Sponsored by People First of TN and The Division of Mental Retardation Services

SEPTEMBER 5, 2002,
KNOXVILLE, TN
1:00 P.M. - 4:30 p. m. (EST)
Disability Resource Center
(DRC)
900 E. Hill Ave
Knoxville, TN 37915
For directions, call
(865) 637-3666

SEPTEMBER 26, 2002,
COOKEVILLE, TN
1:00 P.M. - 4:30 p. m. (CST)
Putnam County Library
50 E. Broad Street
Cookeville, TN 38501
For directions, call
(931) 526-2416 or
www.pclibrary.org

OCTOBER 17, 2002,
JACKSON, TN
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p. m. (CST)
Union University,
Harvey Auditorium,
Student Union Building
1050 Union University Dr.
Jackson, TN
For directions, call
(731) 668-1818

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Nashville Regional Office	1-800-654-4839
Knoxville Regional Office	1-888-310-4613

Web Site

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<http://www.state.tn.us/mental>

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